

# THE SWORD OF THE LORD

## and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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## Wars And Rumors of Wars

The Nations Rushing Headlong To The Last Stupendous World Battle — Armageddon

SERMON OF JOHN R. RICE SUNDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 3, FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST TABERNACLE, DALLAS

(Continued from Last Week)

The Man of Sin "The Beast" To Make War With the Saints and Overcome the Whole World

Turn with me to Revelation, chapter thirteen. There we see a great beast with seven heads and ten horns come out of the sea. It is the same beast as described in Daniel 7:7, 8, and explained in the same chapter. It is the Roman Empire which was wounded to death but we are told that the deadly wound is to be healed and the Empire restored under one man. This man himself becomes the dictator of the world, becomes the beast himself, the restored Empire of Rome. Revelation 13:7, then, tells us about this man.

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

For three and a half years, or forty-two months this terrible man will reign (Rev. 13:5). He will receive his power from "the dragon" that old serpent, the devil. And this monster, ruling from Rome, will "make war with the saints" and overcome them, and alas! will rule "over all kindred and tongues and nations!" Through all his reign he will carry on a bloody war of extermination against Christians.

### A River of Blood!

The wicked Man of Sin who will rule in Satan's power, the army of 200 million horsemen, and the death of half the population of the earth, have already been foretold. And we learn that the people will continue in their wickedness and sin despite all the plagues of God. Now in Revelation 14:14-20 we see pictured the climax when the wrath and judgment of God will be poured out upon the armies of the world. Read these solemn verses:

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle."

"15. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

"16. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

"17. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle."

"18. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the cluster of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe."

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Rev. Sam Morris, nationally-known Bible teacher, Evangelist, radio preacher and author who will speak daily during the Dallas Bible School, November 21-28.

## Bible Institute Plans To Be Discussed In Oklahoma, Oct. 22

Many people are planning and praying about a great Bible institute for the Southwest, similar to Moody Bible Institute and other great schools in other parts of the nation. On September 20th, some twenty preachers met in Dallas to counsel and pray about such an institute. They were of happy and unanimous accord on all the principal matters presented. It was voted that a committee be appointed to make further recommendations to report in the Dallas Bible School Thanksgiving week, November 21st to 28th.

Meantime, we have felt a widespread need for further counsel and prayer. Among those who wished to attend the Dallas meeting but could not on account of other engagements or too little notice or other reasons, were Brethren T. Myron Webb of Enid, Oklahoma, P. T. Stanford of Ponca City, Oklahoma, and many others. Much counsel, much planning, much praying is necessary in a project so great as this.

It was suggested that a group of brethren ought to meet somewhere in Oklahoma to consider this matter. Immediately Brother H. C. Ownbey wrote me as follows:

"Concerning the Bible Institute, please announce through your paper a fellowship meeting and call for all of like precious faith who are interested to come to Bible Baptist Church Friday, October 22, 1937, beginning at 10:00 A. M. You come and lay the plans and work thus far before the group for general discussion and suggestions, telling of the interests and accomplishments

## "STUDY

To shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Two lessons have been mailed out in the Correspondence Course on Matthew which will be given in twenty-eight lessons with examination at the close. It is taking an enormous amount of work, and to our surprise, the lessons we are preparing run from five to nine pages. Many comments have already reached us of the blessings people are receiving. You are not too late to enroll today. All back lessons will be sent at once when you enroll. If you want to show yourself approved unto God, and be a workman that need not be ashamed because you can rightly divide the Word of truth, you must study, study, STUDY! Let us help you. The course is being put out at less than cost. The more pupils enrolled, the nearer we will come to making expenses, but better yet, the more good we can do. The entire set of twenty-eight lessons with the right of personal help by mail and examination questions graded is only \$1.50. Write for Bible lessons on Matthew inclosing that amount to John R. Rice, 201 East Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas.



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thus far manifested in such a Bible Institute. If possible for you to speak at night, would like to have you stay and speak and take a little time at night to tell our people of our progress thus far toward such an institution. Many of them are vitally interested."

This is a great matter. Surely the Spirit of God is laying it on the hearts of His people to train preachers and workers true to the Word of God and filled with the Holy Spirit. Such a plan is worthy of the cooperation of all fundamentally-sound preachers and Christian workers in all the Southwest. Every detail about such a Bible Institute ought to be so carefully planned, so clearly in the will of God, with such unselfish brotherly love, that it would be a center of Christian fellowship and work (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

## "THE BLESSEDS"

BLESSINGS THAT JESUS PROMISED IN MATTHEW 5:3-12 UPON "THE POOR IN SPIRIT," "THEY THAT MOURN," "THE MEEK," "THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS," "THE MERCIFUL," "THE PURE IN HEART," "THE PEACEMAKERS," AND "THEY WHICH ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE"



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A young woman from a T. B. hospital bed today sent three trial subscriptions at 10c each and told what comfort and help had been hers through these blessed pages. In her weakness and need, she sends in subscriptions for others! (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

(Here is a part of the lesson on Matthew, chapter five, of the Correspondence Lessons on Matthew by John R. Rice. Get your Bible down, do some real study, looking up every reference, and your heart will be richly blessed.)

VERSE 3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Compare this with Luke 6:20. Notice that Luke says "poor," while Matthew says "poor in spirit." The meaning is the same, with Matthew going into more detail. Luke says "kingdom of God," while Matthew says "kingdom of heaven." It is blessed to be poor, particularly if the poverty is felt in the spirit. Compare this with "Woe unto you that are rich!" (Luke 6:24). The Saviour did not mean it is good to be without any spiritual riches or spiritual virtues. Rather, He meant that in dealing with God it is a blessed thing to have the humility of the poor, the broken heart of the poor. If a man feels his need, his poverty, so that he can pray as a poor and needy creature begging for help, then blessed is that man, for he will be heard. The poor in spirit are those who see their helplessness and see how valueless are temporal things, wealth, houses, land, fame. A rich man can be "poor in spirit." A poor man can be proud and haughty and so have none of the virtues of the poor, and miss the blessing God means for the poor. See Revelation 3:17, 18, where God describes those who do not feel poor but really are wretchedly poor in His sight. These miss God's blessing. Compare this with James 2:1-6. James 2:5 speaks of the poor as "heirs of the kingdom" like Matthew 5:3.

God particularly loves the poor. He will not hear the prayers of those who do not help the poor (Prov. 21:13; Isa. 58:7, 10; Prov. 14:31; Psa. 41:1; Prov. 19:17). God forbids money lenders to keep as security the garment of the poor (Exo. 22:25-27). Jesus preached the gospel especially to the poor (Matt. 11:5). And in winning souls we are especially enjoined to "Bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21). The poor have many blessings that rich do not have: usually better health, happier marriages, more children, less worries, fewer suicides, and are easier to reach with the gospel (Mark 12:37; Luke 18:23-25). Lazarus the poor beggar was saved, while the rich man was lost (Luke 16:22, 23). Jesus is "the poor man's friend." Oh, Christian, do not strive to be rich, but rather "be content with such things as ye have" (Heb. 13:5; I Tim. 6:6-11). Seek first the kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33) and trust the Saviour who loves the poor!

Jesus Himself, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9). What infinite grace! He was born in a stable and laid in a borrowed manger when there was no room for Him in the inn. Though the foxes had holes and the birds of the air had nests, yet the Son (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)



## "Mister, Can You Spare A Dime?"

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A missionary in South Africa sends word sadly that *The Sword of the Lord* has not come to him though he so greatly needs it. He is printing a paper for native Christians and needs suggestions and help and spiritual strength and Bible teaching which he hoped to get from *The Sword of the Lord*. The Dean of a Lutheran Bible Institute sends a number of subscriptions and writes most kindly of the edification and spiritual help in the sermons printed in the paper. May God bless him. And today a young missionary, on his way to the foreign field in Central America, came by to bring ten yearly subscriptions. He himself, in a difficult pastorate in Colorado, claimed to have been greatly blessed by the Bible teaching of *The Sword of the Lord*.

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### The Sword of the Lord A Prisoner's Greatest Pleasure

A poor boy behind the bars of a penitentiary received *The Sword of the Lord* as a gift from somebody who loved him. He wrote as follows:

"I want to send you my humble thanks for your wonderful little paper, 'The Sword of the Lord.' I don't know who told you about me. May God bless them, whoever they may be. I have a term of twenty-one years here and 'The Sword of the Lord' is my greatest pleasure. I read it and pass it on to my fellow man. I hope some day to be able to teach God's Word myself. May God bless you and help you in your great work. Please remember me in your prayers."

Looking over his letter the other day I checked up and found that his subscription had expired and whoever loved him enough to subscribe had forgotten to renew his subscription. I am putting him on the list again and I hope somebody will help me to send the paper to him and to hundreds of others like him who are hungering and thirsting for the gospel. We who are blessed and happy too often for-

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of man had not where to lay his head (Matt. 8:20). And when He died, He left only a seamless garment, and was buried in a borrowed grave (John 19:23, 24; Matt. 27:60). Every poor man ought to love Jesus Christ.

VERSE 4. "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted." Here is a paradox. Jesus seems to say that it is happy to be sad; it is fortunate to be unfortunate; and that we are to re-

joice over weeping. And indeed that is true, though it does not seem so to human wisdom. But it means what it says, and Jesus said more about it which is told in Luke 6:21. He said, "Blessed are ye that hunger now; for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now; for ye shall laugh." Joy comes out of sorrow and blessing out of trouble. Notice some of the blessings the Bible says come from sorrow. (1) God is near to the broken hearted (Psa. 34:18). (2) God hears the prayer of the broken hearted (Psa. 51:17). (3) Tribulation worketh patience, develops character (Rom. 5:3). (4) "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory (II Cor. 4:17), that is wonderful reward in Heaven. Compare this verse with Revelation 7:17, and 21:4. Every sorrow of a Christian will be rewarded many fold in Heaven. How sad to miss joys in Heaven because we never mourned any here!

Mourning and sorrow sometimes bring revival (Isa. 66:8; Jonah 2:5-10; Ps. 126:5, 6). Compare this verse also with the blessed promise, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). Laughter goes with pride, indifference and worldly-mindedness oftentimes. Mourning goes with prayer, contrition, penitence and humility. Only those who sorrow can be near the Saviour and understand the Saviour for He was "a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Isa. 53:3; Matt. 26:37, 38. See James 4:9, 10). The great men of the Bible were men of tears: Jeremiah (Lam. 1:12; Jer. 9:1), David (Ps. 6:6; Ps. 42:3), Paul (Acts 20:31; Romans 9:2, 3; II Cor. 2:4; II Cor. 4:8-10; Phil. 3:18).

Sorrow often leads sinners to be saved. The death of Lazarus was for the glory of God (John 11:4, 14, 15), and led others to be saved (John 12:10, 11).

God is nearer to the widow and orphan than to the married wife or protected child, nearer to the poor than the rich, nearer to the hungry than the full. Better have evil things and sorrows here like Lazarus the beggar and be comforted later, than to have riches here and to be tormented later like the rich man (Luke 16:25). Thank God for sorrow! Blessed are those that mourn! Thank God for the comfort.

VERSE 5. "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." Jesus is quoting from Psalm 37:11. See also Psalm 25:9. Meekness is another word for humility. See James 4:10; I Peter 5:6, Luke 14:11. The inheritance of the meek will be when Christ rules on the earth. Now the proud, the haughty, the rich, the warlike, the selfish, the brutal, rule on earth. Verse 5 here is a promise of the coming kingdom of Christ. Notice that it is on "earth." We are taught to pray "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). The reign of Christ will be on earth with His throne at Jerusalem (Isa. 2:1-4; Isa. 11:9; Rev. 5:10). Notice many of these promises plainly say the kingdom will be on "the earth." See also Micah 4:1-8 and Luke 19:17-19. The meek will not inherit the earth until Jesus returns to reign.

VERSE 6. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Many invitations are given in the Bible for those that are thirsty. See Isaiah 55:1, 2; Rev. 22:17; Rev. 21:6; John 4:10-14. Spiritual thirst is a great virtue. The Psalmist said, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" (Ps. 42:1, 2). God sees the longing of the soul as well as He hears the spoken cry. The blessed thing about hungering and thirsting after righteousness is that one "shall be filled." Eventually, of course, all Christians will be filled with righteousness, will be all they aspire to be, and without sin. If people long to be righteous, they will be righteous, and that is a blessed thought. But that is not the primary meaning here. Those that hunger and

thirst after righteousness will be filled with righteousness far better than any of their own, for Christ is the righteousness of God. Those who hunger after righteousness must turn to Christ and in receiving Him, are filled with righteousness. Much of the book of Romans is written to tell of that righteousness of Jesus which a poor, undeserving sinner may claim for his own and be filled. The righteousness of God is manifest in the death of Christ on the cross paying for sin (Rom. 3:21-26). Read that passage carefully. This righteousness is received "by faith of Jesus Christ." "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness" (Rom. 4:3), and so every one "that worketh not (has no righteousness of his own) but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Rom. 4:5), and Paul quotes David as describing "the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" (Rom. 6:8). Compare with Psalm 32:1, 2. Romans 4:6 uses similar language to Matthew 5:6, both speaking of the blessed man who hungers and thirsts after righteousness and receives it, but not human righteousness, the righteousness of Christ imputed to him.

Remember that Christ calls Himself the bread from Heaven (John 6:33-58). This bread is received by trusting Him. There is no true righteousness and no salvation without eating and drinking of Christ by faith. Speaking of works and righteousness, Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent (John 6:29). Praise God that those that are thirsty and hungry are freely invited to be filled with Christ who is the righteousness of God.

VERSE 7. "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." In Matthew 18:23-35 Jesus gave a parable with this exact lesson, "forgive if you would be forgiven." He even taught us to remember this when we pray, and to forgive all (Matt. 6:12, 14, 15; Mark 11:25, 26). Our showing mercy to others is a condition of God showing mercy to us and answering our prayers. The other side of the story is pictured in James 2:13. If we judge harshly, we shall be judged harshly. These verses are of great importance. I suggest particularly that you memorize Ephesians 4:32. Notice how many times one is to forgive the same person (Matt. 18:21, 22). To forgive means to have a spirit like Christ and nothing can please the Father better or make surer your own forgiveness. An especially strong verse on this is Luke 6:37.

If one reads this who has in his heart some grudge, unforgiveness against anybody in the world, then I beg you this moment, before you leave this page, forgive it, blot it out and remove that stumbling block between you and God. For-

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showed me through His Word the true ground of peace. That was many years ago, and as I write I find myself living over again the conflict of those days, and recalling, as though it were but yesterday, the gladness that filled my soul when I rested in Christ alone, and entered into a lasting peace with God that has known no disturbances throughout the years.

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# "THE BLESSED"

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give and be forgiven of God!

VERSE 8. "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." Several meanings are possible here.

(1). One who has been cleansed in heart, that is born again, will see God, that is, will be saved. God purifies the hearts of sinners by faith (Acts 15:9). Again the Scripture says that people "purify their hearts in obeying the truth" (that is the gospel message to repent and believe); this purification is a work through the Spirit and one so purified is born again (I Pet. 1:22, 23. See also Titus 2:14). Every converted person becomes a partaker of the divine nature (II Pet. 1:4) and God's seed remains in the Christian so that a certain part of every Christian cannot continue in sin (I John 3:9). Notice that the beatitude here says, "Blessed are the pure in HEART." That is another way of saying, "Blessed are those who have received a new heart from God when they were born again."

(2). A second meaning is that as one is pure in his thoughts and life and puts the Lord first and turns away from worldliness and sin he will feel the presence of God more and more, know the will of God, come face to face with God. Jesus promised the disciples He and the Father would manifest themselves (through the Holy Spirit) to those that love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15-26). The Holy Spirit

reveals the Father to us and particularly to Christians who so love Christ as to keep His commandments and live for Him. With this in mind, the Apostle Paul by divine inspiration commanded Timothy, "Keep thyself pure" (I Tim. 5:22). II Timothy 2:19-22 is on the same subject. He was to "flee also youthful lusts... out of a pure heart." Timothy was to be an example in purity (I Tim. 4:12) and was to treat Christian women "with all purity" (I Tim. 5:2). The cry of David in Psalm 51, especially verses 2, 7, 10 is for a pure heart; may our dear Heavenly Father wash and cleanse the heart of every reader and make it pure in His holy sight that we, too, may see God, having Him revealed to us day by day through the Holy Spirit and through the Word.

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## Wars and Rumors

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"19. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

"20. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs" (Rev. 14:14-20).

With 200 millions of men dead in a day, the blood will run as deep as the bridles of the horses! It will form a river 1,600 furlongs, or 200 miles long!

Again I remind you that Jesus promised wars and rumors of wars on the earth coming to a climax in these last days which surely must be just ahead. Why does the world have wars? Why does God allow bloodshed? That question is answered again in Revelation 16:4-7. Hear the Word of God and say, "Amen" to God's righteous judgments.

"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of water; and they became blood.

"5. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

"6. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

"7. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments" (Rev. 16:4-7).

The sins of men bring blood. Men deserve bloodshed. Among the great plagues an angry God will send upon the world will be to turn water to blood, even as He did in Egypt. Men will be given blood to drink because of their blood-thirsty minds and because they have shed the blood of the innocent.

## Present World Events in the Light Of the Bible

The world is getting ready for the last great battle, Armageddon. Moving underneath the plans, ambitions, quarrels and hates and schemes of wicked rulers and wicked

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## Bible Institute

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to bless many thousands, leading to multitudes saved.

Let all the readers within reach of Oklahoma City plan to be there for Friday, October 22nd, promptly at 10:00 A. M. I am sure Bro. Ownbey and other Oklahoma brethren will work out a fine program for the day. The fellowship will be sweet. The Bible Baptist Church loves visitors and will make you feel at home. We are sure of good singing, with a number of representative brethren speaking and a good time of preaching, prayer, counsel and open discussion.

## Rev. Sam Morris Reports Great Dry Victory in Tennessee

Our friend and brother, Sam Morris, who, after a happy day with us, went to Tennessee to help in the campaign against the liquor forces there, is most happy over the fine results of the election. The dries carried the state by nearly three to one majority, beating them by over 67,000 votes.

All of us rejoice, too, in the fine revivals Brother Morris is holding. When he preached for us recently, his heart was most tender and the Lord seemed very near in his sweet, powerful and charming preaching of the gospel. Everywhere he goes, crowds throng to hear him. We are especially happy that we can have him for a whole week in the coming Dallas Bible School, November 21st to 28th, with other unusual Bible teachers and preachers and singers.

But here is Brother Sam Morris' letter which came today which you will want to read for yourself and I take the liberty of printing it entirely.

"Hotel Lincoln  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 11, 1937

"Dear John:

"I am sure you have already learned that we walloped the dog out of the wets in the Tennessee election, defeating them by a vote of over 67,000 majority.

"I have just closed one of the greatest two-weeks revivals I was ever in, with the Terre Haute Bible Center of Terre Haute, Indiana. Brother H. H. Drake is at the head of it and Brother Wayne Buchanan is associated with him. We were on the radio each day in addition to their regular daily broadcast. I spoke each afternoon and each night in the Center to big crowds.

"We had nineteen additions and conversions yesterday afternoon and fifteen last night, making a total of thirty-four in all the last day. I don't think there was a night service that I gave the appeal but that we had from three to seven or eight conversions.

"It is a wonderful work. We had a wonderful meeting.

"I am speaking in Ohio this next week and then return home to begin my winter broadcast on XEPN (730 kc) November 1st, every night at 8:30 and every morning at 5:00 A. M.

"Lovingly yours,  
(Signed) "Sam Morris"

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## Wars And Rumors of Wars

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ed subjects is the unerring hand of God! He makes the wrath of men to praise Him! How God is preparing the kings of the east (China, Japan, India, etc.) as well as Russia, Germany, Spain, Italy and other nations is told in Revelation 16:12-16. Here is the only explanation for the insane maneuvers of the dictators of the world. Only by divine revelation can we see a sensible pattern in the chaotic weave of present world events.

"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates: and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

"13. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

"14. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

"15. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

"16. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

What is wrong with the war-lords of Japan that leads them to their heartless invasion of China? What drove Mussolini and his Italian soldiers to overrun helpless Ethiopia? What is back of the murderous Red regime or Josef Stalin in Russia where hatred of God is only equalled by abuse and murder of men? What answer is there to the Jewish hate of Hitler and the bloody strife between brothers in Spain? The answer is that evil spirits have come out

from Satan, "the spirits of devils, working miracles which go forth unto the kings of the earth and to the whole world to gather them together to the battle of God Almighty!" The kings and dictators of the world are devil-possessed and God is allowing them to be prepared for the final great battle. They will be "gathered . . . together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." The armies of the nations are rushing onward to their doom.

### The Bible Up To Date; Three World Centers of Interest, Japan, Russia and Italy

A comparison of Scriptures with present-day news items indicates that things are shaping themselves for the final events before the reign of Christ on earth. For instance, in the newspapers today the centers of world interest are in three locations, (1) China-Japan, (2) Russia, and (3) Italy. Here are the great unknown quantities, the threats to world peace. Here, too, are the places where prophecy centers.

The Scripture above, Revelation 16:12, speaks of "the kings of the east." God will send an angel to dry up the great river Euphrates so that the millions from the east, probably from Japan, China and India, can march westward across Asia and arrive in Palestine in time for the final battle, there to be utterly destroyed. There is an old saying that "If you will give a man enough rope he will hang himself." That will be God's policy toward the wicked nations of the world. From this time on we may expect to see great stirrings of race consciousness among the Orientals. China's national resources will be developed, Japan's military prowess will be extended. We may expect rebellion of India's millions against England's power. Asiatic races hold a balance of power of the world with 450 millions in China, over 300 millions in India. What will be their might when they organize together and storm across Asia like the hordes of Attila? It may be that they will expect to fight against the armies of Russia (Magog) or the legions of the restored Roman Empire from Italy and her allies, but God means but to bring them to the vale of Magiddon in Palestine where they will be destroyed.

Before me is a book, *Japan and the Next World War*. It purports to be and probably is a "Secret Memorial Concerning Manchuria, Mongolia, China, U. S. A. and the world. Submitted by General Tanaka (then the Premier of Japan) to the Japanese Emperor in 1927." Some of the high-lights of the Memorial are as follows:

"1. For settling difficulties in Eastern Asia, Japan must adopt a policy of Blood and Iron.

"2. In order to conquer the world Japan must conquer Europe and Asia; in order to conquer Europe and Asia Japan must conquer China, and in order to conquer China, Japan must first conquer Manchuria and Mongolia, Japan expects to fulfill the above programme in ten years.

"3. Japan regrets that she has signed the Nine-Power Treaty which was intended by England and America to crush her interests in Manchuria, for thereby she agrees that Manchuria and Mon-

golia are Chinese territory. This has greatly hampered the freedom of Japanese policy in Manchuria.

"4. Japan believes wars in near future with U. S. A. and with Russia are inevitable, so in order to get militarily prepared, Japan must build the Kirin-Hweining and Changchun-Talai railways in Manchuria."

Without a doubt, Japanese military men dream of world power. A certain part of the program, including the conquering of Manchuria and Mongolia was to be consummated within ten years. That report was made in 1927. The ten years are now coming to a close. Manchuria has been conquered and Japan now attempts to carry out the rest of her program!

The inflamed minds of Japanese military leaders are possessed by the same Will-o'-the-Wisp that led Napoleon to St. Helena and Kaiser Wilhelm to abdication; that is, WORLD EMPIRE! That hope is only possible because they are deceived by evil spirits. Japan will never rule the world, but by this insane desire, the armies of the east will be led to utter destruction! Before our eyes are transpiring events which mark these the closing days of the age in which we live, I sincerely believe.

Russia, too, dreams of world power. Her bloody-handed, atheistic and lawless Red rulers have dreamed of the overthrow of every government in the world and the establishment of the rule of Communism with headquarters in Moscow. Russia takes part in the civil war in Spain, and carries on her propaganda, foments strikes and lawlessness in America and Great Britain. Russia is despised by most nations of the world, and feared by all, with probably the largest standing army of any nation. She is recognized as a foremost threat against the peace of the world. Does the Bible tell of the activities and outcome of Russia? Indeed it does! Ezekiel, chapters thirty-eight and thirty-nine tell how the hordes of Russia will sweep across Europe and into Palestine. Ezekiel 38:1-6 says:

"And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

"2. Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow?) and Tubal (Tobolsk), and prophesy against him,

"3. And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

"4. And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

"5. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

"6. Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands; and many people with thee."

Evidently some smaller and backward nations, Persia and Ethiopia and others distracted by communist propaganda will join with Russia. Russia and many others "of the north quarters" will come to battle. What will be their purpose? Will it be to seize Palestine, fabulously rich, we now know, from the Roman Empire under Italy? Possibly so. Italy and Russia, Fascism and Communism, hate each other desperately and oppose each other now in Spain. Will Russia and Japan, ancient enemies, be coming to bloody blows? Will that be the purpose of their meeting in Palestine? Or will the "kings of the East" and Russia with northern European states be uniting against the then world-wide power of Rome? Those details we do not know. God's real purpose in bringing them all to Palestine is that there their armies shall all be destroyed.

It seems likely that all the three groups, "the Kings of the East" from Asia, Russia and their confederates from northern Europe and the Roman armies of the Antichrist will all hate the Jews and be intent upon the dismemberment of Palestine and the destruction of

every Jew. Hatred of the Jews has become a national passion in Germany. Jewish persecution is rapidly increasing in Italy, and in recent months is increasing in Russia. Perhaps these wicked men will even know that the Lord Jesus Christ is to return to earth since so many of His signs will appear during the great tribulation and they will blaspheme God in Heaven and seek to destroy Jesus Christ with His armies of angels! Such blasphemy, such presumption, such folly will be possible to people led by evil spirits and brought to their doom by the plan of God!

Ezekiel 38:14-16 says:

"Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwell safely, shalt thou not know it?

"15. And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

"16. And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

Read also Ezekiel, chapter thirty-nine. There we learn that all but one-sixth part of the hosts of Magog (Russia) under the leadership of Gog, the chief prince, will be utterly destroyed upon the mountains of Israel (verse 2). Their bodies will be eaten by the birds (verses 4, 17-20). The weapons, shields, bucklers, bows, arrows, hand staves and spears will furnish firewood for Israelites for seven years (verse 9), and Jews will be seven months in burying the bones of this mighty army from the north that the land may be cleansed! (verse 12).

And what of Italy? Italy is to be the center of abominations. Rome is called the second "Babylon the great" (Rev. 14:8; 18:2, 10, compared with chapter seventeen). There is no doubt that the beast of Revelation thirteen is the same beast of Daniel 7:7, 8, that is, Rome. Greater than the kings of the east, greater than the Gog who rules the land of the north will be this man to whom Satan will give all his power, the Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition. Whether the "Kings of the East" and the hordes of Russia come as his aides or in rebellion, we know that the dictator at Rome will rule the world for three and a half years and will come to Palestine determined to destroy the Jews. Zechariah, chapter 14, tells how the Saviour will come from Heaven in the very midst of the destruction of the city Jerusalem and rescue Jews, destroying their enemies.

Wars and rumors of wars! Let us read in the Word of God of the last great battle for which the nations of the earth are unconsciously preparing! Revelation, chapter nineteen, verses eleven to twenty-one tell this awesome story.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

"12. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns, and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

"13. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

"14. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

"15. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he

should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

"16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

"17. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

"18. That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

"19. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

"20. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

"21. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth; and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

The King of Kings is Jesus Christ Himself! The armies of Heaven are angels who will follow Him upon white horses. The 200 million horsemen gathered from all the armies of the world against Christ, will be destroyed by the sword that proceeds out of His mouth. Only two men will be left alive, and those two, the beast and his false prophet, will be cast alive into the lake of fire for eternal torment. And then there follows in the twentieth chapter of Revelation the story that charms every heart and thrills every devout soul. It is the story of the reign of Christ on earth when He shall sit on the throne of His father David at Jerusalem and when all the saints of God possess the kingdom, and wars, thank God, are no more! Until that final battle takes place, the earth will be a place of wars and rumors of wars!

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